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Report of Annual Meeting

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Municipal Officers, 1923

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

R. M. HESCOCK

J. W. TARR

G. L. BROWN

Town Clerk

W. H. HUGHES

Treasurer

F. M. HESCOCK

Tax Collector

R. J. JONES

School Committee

ROY HESCOCK

MRS. MABEL LORD

A. L. BRAY

Superintendent of Schools

CLAUDE L. SIDELINGER

Board of Health

H. E. SMITH

Health Officer

DR. F. H. KILLAM

Sealer

F. M. HESCOCK

Auditor

H. S. KNIGHT

Report of Selectmen

VALUATION APRIL 1, 1923

Real estate, resident	\$149,375.00	
Real estate, non-resident	152,505.00	
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Total real estate		\$301,880.00
Personal estate, resident	\$ 82,110.00	
Personal estate, non-resident	20,200.00	
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Total personal estate		\$102,310.00
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		\$404,190.00
 Raised by town at annual meeting	 \$20,500.00	
State tax, 1923	2,951.16	
County tax	597.64	
Overlay	133.03	
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		\$24,181.83

RAISED BY TOWN MARCH 12, 1923

Common schools	\$5,700.00
Support of poor	1,200.00
Roads and bridges	5,000.00
Incidentals	1,200.00
Sidewalks	150.00
Interest	350.00
Text books	350.00
Superintendent of schools	440.00
Free high school	3,050.00
Appliances	350.00

Repairs on school houses	400.00
Memorial Day	35.00
State Aid road	420.00
State highway patrol	500.00
Street lights	475.00
Free public library	50.00
Monson Band	5.00
Fire department	500.00
Painting cemetery fences	50.00
School physician	50.00
Insurance, power and light—schools	225.00
	<hr/> \$20,500.00

OFFICERS' BILLS AND INCIDENTAL CHARGES

Raised by town	\$1,200.00
Licenses	35.00
Cemetery lots	56.00
Use sealer's outfit	2.00
R. R. and Tel. tax	14.51
Tax on bank stock from State	116.92
Overdrawn, 1923	421.14
	<hr/> \$1,845.57

Overdrawn, 1922	\$ 80.46
A. L. Brown, acct. silent police	3.84
Fairfield Pub. Co., reports	81.00
Levi Peterson, labor, wood at office	2.50
Dr. H. A. Holt, vital statistics	2.50
Pero Morris, hall rent	5.00
Straw & Martin, insurance, hose house	4.24
Loring, Short & Harmon, books	15.65
Henry Brown, labor, cemetery	19.50
H. Smith, labor in cemetery	13.50
Geo. Brown, labor in cemteery	9.00
C. C. Towne, labor in cemetery	6.00
P. W. Knight & Sons, wood at office	21.37
H. Smith, labor at cemetery	19.50

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F. J. Wilkins, labor at cemetery	41.50
W. H. Fogg, night watch	8.00
R. LeClair, night watch	8.00
R. M. Hescocck, paid labor on wood	1.50
R. M. Hescocck, list of voters	1.50
W. H. Fogg, ballot clerk	4.00
W. L. Hughes, ballot clerk	4.00
C. M. Poole, ballot clerk	4.00
M. H. Grover, ballot clerk	4.00
Mrs. J. A. Larson, ballot clerk	4.00
Frank Libby, night watch	8.00
H. Smith, care silent police	25.00
W. A. Bray, deeds for cemetery	6.25
Harry Davis, fire ward	28.00
C. W. & H. M. Hayes, legal services	4.00
F. H. Killam, health officer	72.00
F. H. Killam, vital statistics	6.50
D. Cowan, night watch	8.00
Dr. G. E. Dore, vital statistics	1.25
R. M. Hescocck, office supplies	2.25
Straw & Martin, insurance	21.20
Straw & Martin, insurance	42.40
A. L. Brown, supplies silent police	3.44
H. E. Smith, night watch	8.00
H. E. Smith, service board of health	5.45
F. J. Wilkins, commission cemetery lots	1.40
A. L. Bray, school committee	25.00
Mabel Lord, school committee	25.00
R. M. Hescocck, school committee	25.00
F. M. Hescocck, treasurer	75.00
F. M. Hescocck, postage	2.20
F. M. Hescocck, sealer weights & measures	5.00
W. H. Hughes, clerk	25.00
R. M. Hescocck, first selectman	200.00
J. W. Tarr, second selectman	150.00
Geo. L. Brown, third selectman	50.00
R. J. Jones, collector's commission	602.64

F. J. Wilkins, slate for vault roof	33.00	
H. S. Knight, auditor	4.00	
A. L. Brown, moderator	4.00	
W. H. Hughes, clerk expenses	12.03	
	<hr/>	\$1,845.57

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Raised by town	\$5,000.00	
Raised for patrol work	500.00.	
Received from State	50.00	
Received from State	40.00	
Received E. H. Flint, use of trucks	445.00	
Received State Aid, use of trucks	175.00	
Received third class, use of trucks	160.00	
Overdrawn	873.04	
	<hr/>	\$7,243.04

Overdrawn, 1922	\$1,729.79
L. J. Forbus	59.25
M. O. Wyman	15.00
F. Packard	7.50
O. S. Arnold	21.00
J. E. Evans	12.00
Cecil Evans	12.00
W. W. Crooker	13.00
C. F. Bradford	30.70
W. J. Champion	42.00
Wm. Partonen	11.50
P. W. Smith	12.00
L. J. Forbus	23.00
Wm. Hammond	21.00
Howell Hughes	21.00
W. C. Kirk	13.00
R. Jacobson	6.00
A. Kervinen	8.00
P. Rogers	14.00
L. O. Anderson	45.00

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E. H. Flint	100.00
P. Rogers	17.50
H. Hughes	9.00
P. Rogers	17.50
A. Kervinen	16.00
R. Jacobson	18.00
A. Akeson	5.00
F. Libby	52.00
E. Degstrom	31.00
General Slate Co.	102.70
Charles Jackson	49.00
J. W. Tarr	49.00
W. Conley	5.00
F. Packard	15.75
E. Turner	5.25
E. H. Flint	300.00
Charles Jackson	15.75
L. O. Anderson	19.50
R. Jacobson	18.00
E. Degstrom	33.50
F. Libby	48.00
J. W. Tarr	33.25
F. P. Steward	65.95
F. Packard	5.25
W. C. Kirk	7.50
O. Stanchfield	50.00
A. W. Greenleaf	65.05
George Wheeler	31.50
J. W. Tarr	35.00
H. Bakka	36.75
F. Libby	44.00
E. Degstrom	33.75
R. Jacobson	13.00
R. R. Drake	133.00
A. Wyman	14.00
E. H. Flint	168.50
F. Libby	24.00

J. W. Tarr	7.00
H. Bakka	22.50
E. Degstrom	9.35
Central Petroleum Co.	14.40
George Wheeler	4.00
Monson R. R. Co.	3.80
J. W. Tarr	33.25
H. Bakka	35.60
E. Degstrom	35.65
R. Jacobson	16.00
A. Day	57.60
H. Bakka	37.50
Stevens & Greenleaf	30.65
J. W. Tarr	35.00
E. Degstrom	26.25
R. Jacobson	14.00
W. C. Kirk	4.50
A. Nasberg	8.75
S. Evans	10.00
W. W. Pullen	67.25
Aug. Nelson	15.75
W. T. Champion	34.00
A. Day	42.50
E. Copeland	63.00
C .C. Towne	120.75
A. W. Farrar	13.25
F. Libby	78.00
F. Butler	9.60
C. E. Evans	7.00
A. Haggstrom	13.00
H. Grover	223.80
J. Haggstrom	9.75
G. P. Pullen	54.30
E. H. Flint	160.00
Monson Maine Slate Co.	59.50
J. W. Tarr	52.25
Stevens & Greenleaf	6.45

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Ed Frost	9.00
R. R. Drake	25.00
F. P. Steward	29.25
C. E. Evans	7.00
Homer Bros.	13.75
C. F. Bradford	22.25
C. C. Towne	10.50
Lyle Town	7.50
Harry Kimball	1.75
E. H. Flint	66.50
C. E. Sargent	100.00
W. A. Bray	100.00
A. Day	103.10
C. C. Brown	88.50
H. A. Davis	7.65
A. Bolduc	15.00
J. Davison	266.25
Charles Jackson	38.50
Stevens & Greenleaf	80.25
E. Degstrom	41.25
H. Blakka	45.00
N. Huff	59.50
P. Rogers	7.00
J. Haggstrom	9.00
Stevens & Greenleaf	23.85
Harry Kirk	69.00
Mrs. Bertha Arnold	15.50
W. L. Dauphinee	39.00
C. F. Bradford	17.10
F. Degstrom	6.00
J. P. Hughes	12.75
E. H. Flint	90.00
E. H. Flint	18.00
State patrol	557.70
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	\$7,243.04

STATE AID ROAD

Raised by town	\$ 420.00	
Unexpended, 1922	113.70	
Received from State	690.29	
Overdrawn, 1923	106.55	
	<hr/>	\$1,330.54
Expended, 1923		\$1,330.54

STATE HIGHWAY 3rd CLASS

Received from State	\$ 783.02
Expended, 1923	\$ 783.02

SIDEWALKS

Raised by town		\$ 150.00
Overdrawn, 1922	\$ 2.00	
Unexpended, 1923	148.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 150.00

TOWN POOR

Raised by town	\$1,200.00	
Rec'd from State, acct Alonzo Hunt	190.58	
Overdrawn, 1923	846.75	
	<hr/>	\$2,237.33
Overdrawn, 1922	\$ 336.67	
Mattina Matson	87.35	
Lyndon Larson	24.21	
Teckla Anderson	14.00	
Mrs. Mary Hilton	670.00	
Mrs. Beaulier and child	249.42	
Mrs. Mary E. Norton	84.00	
A. Vinton	265.40	
J. Dermott	250.82	
Charles Grover	252.46	
Tramps	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,237.33

STREET LIGHTS

Raised by town	\$ 475.00	
Unexpended, 1922	23.96	
	<hr/>	\$ 498.96
Expended, 1923	\$ 465.51	
Unexpended, 1923	33.45	
	<hr/>	\$ 498.96

MONSON BAND

Raised by town	\$ 5.00	
Unexpended, 1922	20.00	
Overdrawn, 1923	5.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 30.50
Treasurer Monson Band		\$30.50

MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSES

Raised by town	\$ 35.00
Paid C. W. Morrill, Treas. Gerry Post	\$ 35.00

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Raised by town	\$ 50.00
Paid Treas. Public Library	\$ 50.00

CEMETERY FENCE

Raised by town	\$ 50.00
Unexpended	\$ 50.00

MOTHERS' AID

Unexpended, 1922	\$ 216.00
Unexpended, 1923	\$ 216.00

SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL TABLET

Unexpended, 1922	\$ 50.00
Unexpended, 1923	\$ 50.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Raised by town	\$ 500.00	
Unexpended, 1922	70.99	
H. E. Smith, fire extinguisher	11.20	
F. W. Bray, coal	3.69	
	<hr/>	\$ 585.88
Expended, 1923	\$ 241.27	
Unexpended, 1923	344.61	
	<hr/>	\$ 585.88

INTEREST

Raised by town	\$ 350.00	
Unexpended, 1922	14.13	
Interest on bank deposit	76.99	
R. J. Jones	33.68	
	<hr/>	\$ 474.80
Expended, 1923	\$ 439.16	
Unexpended, 1923	35.64	
	<hr/>	\$ 474.80

TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

Commitment, 1923	\$24,181.83	
Interest on taxes	33.68	
Collected—on unassessed	13.27	
	<hr/>	\$24,228.78
Abatements	\$ 123.14	
Net tax returned to Treasurer	24,105.64	
	<hr/>	\$24,228.78

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RESOURCES

Estimated value of	
Town building and lot	\$3,500.00
Old engine	100.00
New engine	2,000.00
Hearse	200.00

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Road tools	400.00	
Hose pipe and hydrant	1,000.00	
Safes	300.00	
Town trucks	400.00	
Gravel bank	75.00	
Boiler	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$8,075.00
Cash in bank	\$3,232.09	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	774.50	
	<hr/>	\$12,081.59
Cash in bank		3,232.09
Cash in hands of Treasurer		774.50
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		\$12,081.59

LIABILITIES

Monson Academy loan at 4%	\$3,925.00	
School fund at 4%	854.10	
Carroll Pullen, legacy	50.00	
A. W. Chapin, legacy	200.00	
A. F. Jackson, legacy	100.00	
Elizabeth Pullen, legacy	200.00	
Harriet N. Crafts, legacy	70.00	
Order 533—Nettie F. Pullen	1,250.00	
Order 30—W. W. Pullen	1,000.00	
Order 423—H. Grover	1,000.00	
Order 579—Geo. L. Brown	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$9,649.10
Resources in excess of liabilities		<hr/>
		\$2,432.49

Treasurer's Report

BY PAID

Orders	\$27,508.07
W. W. Pullen, order 98	700.00
State highway patrol	557.70
State tax	2,951.16
County tax	597.64
Dog tax	94.00
State pensions	144.00
Blind pensions	276.00
T. Burns, bear bounty	5.00
Cash on hand and in bank	4,006.59
	\$36,840.16

DR.

Cash on hand	\$2,532.72
Received of R. J. Jones	24,228.78
Guilford Trust Co., interest	76.99
Loan Guilford Trust Co.	1,000.00
Loan W. W. Pullen	1,000.00
Loan Henry Grover	1,200.00
Licenses	35.00
Town Clerk, dog tax	94.00
Estate Elizabeth Pullen	200.00
Estate Harriet Crafts	70.00
H. E. Smith, fire extinguisher	11.20
State, use of town trucks	780.00
Town of Blanchard, school supplies	7.30
Plantation Elliottsville, school supplies	15.05
Plantation Kingsbury, school supplies	11.25
Common school account	34.16
F. J. Wilkins, lots in cemetery	56.00
F. W. Bray, coal	3.69

Use of sealer's outfit	2.00
Evening school account	170.00
State Treasurer's account:	
State pensions	144.00
Blind pensions	276.00
State paupers	190.58
Highway	873.02
Tax on bank stock	116.92
Free Public Library	5.00
Dog tax refund	76.80
State school fund	2,451.90
R. R. and Tel. tax	14.51
Improvement State roads	690.29
Equalization	468.00
Bear bounty	5.00
	<hr/> \$36,840.16

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the financial officers of the town of Monson and find them to be correct.

H. S. KNIGHT, Auditor.

Monson, Maine, February 27, 1924.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

*To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of
Monson:*

I submit herewith my fourth annual report as superintendent of your schools. It is not the purpose of this report to call to mind all the achievements or failures, for there are some in every walk of life, but rather to keep before you the need of educating your children and cooperating with the teachers and school officials in this work. The first concern of a community is the training of its children. They will need all the preparation that can be given them to solve the problems they will be called upon to face. It is true that the public schools of the country are taking a large proportion of the money raised by direct taxation, but our children and the civilization which they must carry on are worth all that we do for them—all that they cost us.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

There has been no change in the teaching force of the village schools since my last annual report. I consider this fact has added more to the efficiency of these schools for the present year than any other factor. The value of the work of these teachers who have been in these schools for several years cannot be compared to what we might expect to get from teachers new to the schools. One of the aims of the year has been to consider the interest of the individual pupil, especially has this been true in any instance of doubtful promotion. It is difficult at times to know and to do just what is best for pupils failing in the work for the year.

Three district schools have been maintained during the year. These schools have been under the direction of your town girls, who have had only the training given in your

Academy. The work of these girls has been all that could be expected from ones without special training for teaching. Present conditions indicate that it will be advisable to discontinue the Long school this coming year and convey the scholars in the district to the village schools.

Unfortunately for the best interest of the schools and the continued progress of the pupils, the work of the schools was somewhat broken during the fall term because of considerable sickness. Even though for a time the attendance fell below normal your school officials thought it advisable to keep the schools in session. After the school had practically recovered from the effect of the run of the measles a few cases of scarlet fever were found among the pupils, and the health officer closed the village graded schools at the end of the twelfth week of the fall term of school. In order to have the thirty-six weeks in this school year it will be necessary to have thirteen weeks in this winter term and eleven in the spring term.

We, who are responsible for the conduct of the schools appreciate fully the splendid loyalty of the citizens of Monson in giving generous financial support and in according them unstinted praise, but we wish the closer acquaintance and helpful suggestions that may result from frequent visits to the schools. We are fully aware that the schools exist for the benefit of the citizens of Monson, present and future and not for the teachers and school officials.

ACADEMY

After being here four years as Principal of the Academy Mr. Haskell decided to leave us at the close of the school year last June. We all appreciated the work of Mr. Haskell did in the school, and, I think, one and all regretted to have him leave us. Mr. Ervin Stuart, who was secured to take Mr. Haskell's place as Principal of the Academy, has proved to be a very good man for us. Excellent work is being done in the Academy under the direction of the present principal and teachers, and a fine spirit of cooperation on the part of

the pupils and teachers prevail. I think the work in the Academy is meeting with your approval, and I shall ask you to continue your generous support of it.

The success of a school system may be measured, at least in part, by a comparison of the per capita cost of and the results obtained by it. Figures prepared at the state department show that it costs \$817 to put a child through the public schools of the State from the time he enters the primary till he graduates from high school. These figures are based on the cost for 1923. Taking the expenditures for Monson for the year ending March, 1923, I find that it costs \$740 to put a child through your schools. From statements that I have here in the office I find that of the children who enter the fifth grade of the public school of the United States, sixty-three per cent of them graduate from the grammar schools and only thirteen per cent of them graduate from the high school. In order to make this story as accurate as possible for your town I have taken the average for each of these three groups for the last five years. The results show that seventy-eight per cent of them that entered the fifth grade of your schools graduated from the grammar school, and that thirty per cent graduated from the Academy. The figures given indicate that the per capita cost for putting a pupil through our schools is lower than the cost throughout the State, and, also, that a comparatively high percentage of our pupils graduate from the grammar school and from the Academy.

SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

I think your school expenditures have reached the maximum, except in that for school repairs. The amount you will have to raise depends largely on the amount of the funds received from the State. Although our state funds received this year are about \$250 less than the amount received last year, we have reasons to expect that they will be no less next year. This reduction comes through the action of the last legislature in placing certain educational activities

which have usually been subject to separate appropriations under the State school fund. This action of the legislature made the school fund about \$100,000 less than a year ago. It is interesting to note that this action merely reduced the total of the state tax and placed it on the local units instead.

The matter of raising money for fuel and janitor services under the high school account is one for separate consideration. These estimates have been included because of the recommendations made and the action taken by the voters last year. No recommendation is made for insurance for the ensuing year as this has been taken care of this year. You have five thousand dollars on the grammar school building now. Money can be raised and this amount increased if you wish. The budget submitted for your consideration is a statement of the estimated expenditures for maintaining your schools under the present condition and up to the present standard for the ensuing year.

SCHOOL REPAIRS

In my last annual report I called your attention to the new state law requiring towns to put their school building toilets in clean and sanitary condition. Though the action of the last legislature the time for completing this work was extended to September, 1924, conditional that something be done each year. Nothing has been done on your school building toilets during the past year to meet the state requirements. This was not because of any unfavorable action taken by the voters at the last annual meeting, but for the very reason that suitable help could not be found to do the work during the summer months when the schools were not in session.

The need for new toilets at the Academy building was mentioned last year. It would seem that the needs at this building should receive your first consideration. With the idea in mind that changes would be made on this building first your school officials in conjunction with the committee for the Academy have formed definite plans for the changes

to be made there. These provide for flush closets in the part of the basement under the west end of the building. In order to make these accessible from the interior of the building it will be necessary to make a general alteration in the rooms on the first floor. The plans proposed seem to offer the most satisfactory results with the cost involved. It is hoped that while this work is being done on the Academy the trustees will find it possible to make some very desirable changes in the rooms on the second floor.

The expenditures for school repairs this year should include an item for nearly sixty dollars for curtains. For some reason the Company neglected to send the bill. As a result you should reduced the amount unexpended for school repairs by that amount. In addition to any amount that is raised for repairs on the Academy there should be something raised for general repairs. This should include enough to permit your school officials to make any needed repairs on the outbuildings at the district schools.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF MONSON ACADEMY

To C. L. Sidelinger, Superintendent of Schools:

I am submitting herewith my first annual report as principal of Monson Academy.

The Academy opened in September with an enrollment of thirty-six girls and eight boys, and with a new teaching force except Miss Pullen.

The curriculum remains the same as last year except that Chemistry is being offered in place of Physics, and American History and Civics are being taught for the entire year as one subject. Miss Pullen is teaching Latin and English, Miss Crocker, Algebra and French, and the Principal Geometry, Science and History.

The attendance during the year has been very satisfactory. An average attendance of forty-one was maintained for the fall term.

The Academy prepares students for entrance to the University of Maine upon the presentation of certificate of graduation, and to the other colleges of New England by examination. Graduates have been able to do college work satisfactorily, but they have found a great difference in the system of marking used in colleges. Although several students are doing honor work and a majority are doing satisfactory work, an effort is being made to raise the scholarship to a higher standard. The students in general are doing their best and are willing to cooperate with the faculty in anything that is for the welfare of the school.

I wish to emphasize the necessity of more home study. No student can do the work required in high school without regular home study.

A students' association has been formed with the aim of promoting a better school spirit, to bring about closer relations with parents and alumni, and to control all student activities. Programs consisting of debates, readings and music have been arranged once in two weeks by the students in an effort to increase the interest of parents and friends. In this way the work of a Parent-Teachers' Association has been carried on, and the students have received helpful training in public speaking.

There are several improvements needed about the building that have become almost necessary. Space in the laboratory is so limited that classes have to be divided in order to accommodate all the members. The school library is still inadequate, but new reference books are being added each year from the funds you are furnishing for that purpose.

Many of the students who enter the Academy do not stay to complete the four years. This is especially true of boys. Although a student attends school primarily to acquire knowledge, I believe athletics offer a valuable training in leadership, self-control, and bodily development, all of which go to make strong characters. With this object in view boys' and girls' basketball teams have been formed.

In closing my report I wish to express my appreciation

of the interest shown by the students, the cooperation of the teachers and parents, all of which have made the work a pleasure to me.

Respectfully submitted,
ERVIN STUART, Principal.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools, Monson:

The following is a summary of the work done by me as school physician for 1923-1924.

The total number examined was 242. Of whom 83 were found defective and 78 of these were reported to their parents or guardians. This is a decrease of three per cent from that of last year. There have been 34 examinations at the office and 15 special tests.

The measles epidemic caused a marked falling off of the attendance during the early fall, and in December the Board of Health closed the schools for two weeks because of scarlet fever. No other epidemics have affected the attendance to any marked degree.

If the parents would, on receipt of the notices from the school physician, apply to him or to their regular family physician for advice at once and then follow the advice, school inspection would become one of the most valuable aids to the health, not only of the school children, but of the whole town.

F. H. KILLAM, School Physician.

FLAGS AND FLAGSTAFFS

The law requires towns to appropriate annually an amount necessary to furnish the public schools with suitable flags and flagstaffs. The appropriation for this purpose shall be separate from and additional to all other appropriations for school purposes.

Estimates for School Budget, 1924-1925

SCHOOL FUND

EXPENSES

Elementary Schools:

Teachers' wages	\$5,525.00	
Janitor services	500.00	
Fuel	660.00	
Conveyance	1,000.00	
Tuition	240.00	
	<hr/>	\$7,925.00

High school account:

Teachers' wages	\$3,600.00	
Fuel and janitor services	400.00	
Library and laboratory	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,150.00

Total estimates for schools	<i>3 100</i>	\$12,075.00
Estimated reductions	<i>535</i>	3,375.00

Necessary appropriations:

Common school account	<i>8 380</i>	\$5,700.00
High school account	<i>3 200</i>	3,000.00
Textbook account		35.00
School supply account		350.00
School repairs account		400.00
Power and light account		50.00
Medical inspection account		100.00
Superintendent of schools		432.00

A statement of the receipts and expenditures for school purposes for the municipal year is given for your inspection.

In closing I wish to thank the teachers for their loyal work, and the members of the superintending school committee and the citizens for their support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. SIDELINGER, Superintendent.

February 20, 1924.

School Union No. 61

Financial Statement for 1923
COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Unexpended, 1922	\$ 61.21	
Raised by town, 1923	5,700.00	
State School Fund	1,751.90	
Equalization Fund	468.00	
Interest	34.16	
	<hr/>	\$8,015.27

EXPENDITURES

Teachers' wages:		
Bernice E. Fogg	\$ 980.00	
Bertha C. Hilton	805.00	
Mary E. Larson	770.00	
Esther Johnson	755.00	
Margaret LeClair	630.00	
Evelyn Lord	196.00	
Mary Carlson	525.00	
Marie Elliott	196.00	
Priscilla Champion	294.00	
Alice Zimmerman	308.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,459.00
Conveyance of pupils:		
O. S. Arnold	\$ 50.00	
E. Copeland	100.00	
Mrs. Verena Drake	180.00	
W. W. Pullen	340.00	
Mrs. Wm. Champion	9.00	
Mrs. Roy Lloyd	106.00	
Austin Brown	120.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 905.00
Janitor services		
Henry Smith	\$ 400.00	
Rural janitors	97.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 497.50

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Fuel for schools		
P. W. Smith	\$	55.00
W. A. Bray		87.13
J. H. Bragdon		30.00
H. A. Davis		61.50
Wm. Champion		28.00
L. J. Forbus		9.00
A. C. Gilbert		142.00
Joseph Davidson		225.00
Labor on fuel		
Henry Smith		28.60
Orin Lane		12.00
L. O. Anderson		2.00
T. W. Burns		2.00
Arthur Bjork		107.00
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	\$	789.23
Tuition, town of Abbot		240.00
Unexpended, 1923		124.54
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		\$8,015.27

FREE HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Unexpended, 1922	\$	11.49
Raised by town, 1923		3,050.00
State School fund		700.00
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	\$	3,761.49

EXPENDITURES

Treasurer Monson Academy:		
On account of contract	\$3,050.00	
Fuel and janitor services	400.00	
High School Library account	48.85	
Laboratory equipment account	39.71	
Unexpended, 1923:		
For contract with Academy	150.00	

For Library account	26.15	
For Laboratory account	46.78	
	<hr/>	\$3,761.49

FREE TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1922	\$ 22.13	
Raised by town, 1923	350.00	
Kingsbury Plantation	4.10	
Elliottsville Plantation	6.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 382.48
Expenditures for books:		
For common school texts	\$ 168.48	
For high school texts	165.58	
Unexpended, 1923	48.42	
	<hr/>	\$ 382.48

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1922	\$ 12.90	
Raised by town, 1923	350.00	
Received, supplies sold	23.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 386.15
Expended for supplies	\$ 335.27	
Unexpended, 1923	50.88	
	<hr/>	\$ 386.15

SCHOOL REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1922	\$ 78.29	
Raised by town, 1923	400.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 478.29
Expenditures		
Janitors' supplies and fixtures	\$ 115.92	
General repairs	114.71	
Cleaning school buildings	45.40	
Unexpended, 1923	202.26	
	<hr/>	\$ 478.29

SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

Raised by town, 1923		\$ 440.00
Expenditures		
C. L. Sidelinger, Supt.	\$ 416.00	
Unexpended, 1923	24.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 440.00

MEDICAL INSPECTION ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1922	\$ 50.00	
Raised by town, 1923	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 100.00
Expenditures:		
F. H. Killam, physician	\$ 75.00	
Unexpended, 1923	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 100.00

INSURANCE, LIGHT AND POWER ACCOUNT

Unexpended, 1922	\$ 93.10	
Raised by town, 1923	225.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 318.00
Expenditures:		
For insurance	\$ 182.00	
Monson Light and Power Co.	32.00	
Unexpended, 1923	104.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 318.00

EVENING SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts		\$ 170.00
Expenditures:		
Ervin Stuart, teaching	\$ 42.00	
Henry Smith, janitor	15.00	
J. Davidson, fuel	60.00	
Unexpended, 1923	53.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 170.00

Town Warrant

*To R. J. Jones, a constable of the Town of Monson, in the
County of Piscataquis,* GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Monson, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble in Spencer's Hall, in said town of Monson, the tenth (10th) day of March A. D. 1924, at ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:—

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of schools. \$6,700

Article 5. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the poor. \$1,500

Article 6. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the repair and maintenance of roads and bridges, and how the same shall be expended. \$5,000

Article 7. To see what sum of money the town will raise to defray all incidental and town charges and for miscellaneous purposes. \$1,400

Article 8. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of sidewalks, and how the same shall be expended. \$200

Article 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise to pay interest. *300*

Article 10. To see what sum of money the town will raise for free text books. *350*

Article 11. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the superintendent of school's salary. *432*

Article 12. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for free high school and how the same shall be expended, and to authorize the school committee to make a contract with the trustees of Monson Academy. *3000*

Article 13. To see what sum of money the town will raise for apparatus and supplies. *200. 350*

Article 14. To see what sum of money the town will raise for repairs on school houses. *400 on Academy*

Article 15. To see what sum of money the town will raise for Memorial Day services. *250*

Article 16. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising the money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid, as provided in Section 19 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916. *yes*

Article 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$533.00 for the improvement of the section of State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges; the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 18 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916. *533*

Article 18. To see whether the town will vote to raise money, and what sum, for the maintenance of State and State Aid highways during the ensuing year, within the limits of the town under the provisions of Sections 9 and 18 of Chapter 130 of Public Laws of 1913. *500*

Article 19. To see if the town will charge interest on all taxes remaining unpaid September 15th, at six per cent. *yes*

Article 20. To see what sum of money the town will raise for street lights for the ensuing year. *450.*

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for Monson Free Public library. *50.00*

Article 22. To see if the town will authorize the superintending school committee to use their discretion in regard to maintaining schools in those districts where there are less than the required number of scholars. *yes*

Article 23. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to be paid to the Monson Band for evening concerts. *25.*

Article 24. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the Fire Department. *700.*

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to raise money for the overdrafts on the 1923 accounts. *Passed.*

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to raise money to be used for employing a district nurse. *100.*

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to purchase Calcium Chloride for the streets and raise money for the same. *200.*

Article 28. To see if the town will instruct the superintending school committee to provide for medical inspection in the schools and raise fifty dollars or any amount for that purpose. *Passed*

Article 29. To see what sum of money the town will raise for insurance on school buildings and for power and lights. *70 20.*

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to buy land of Percy Smith for cemetery lots and raise money for the same.

Passed Article 31. To see if the town will vote to elect a Village Improvement Committee.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to elect a Budget Committee. *selectmen to appoint*

Article 33. To see if the town will authorize and instruct the selectmen and treasurer to hire money for town purposes.

Article 34. To see what action the town will take regarding fire engines and raise or hire money for the same. *Passed*

Article 35. To see what sum of money the town will raise to furnish the schools with suitable flags and flag staffs. *Approved*

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate \$125.00 to assist in meeting the expenses of the evening school until money is received from the State. *Approved*

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to appropriate money to pay expenses of one of the selectmen to attend assessors' convention. *To appropriate*

art. 38.

Pass

art. 39.

To pay.

art. 40.

Passed

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Preserve This Report

A sufficient number of these reports have been printed to furnish every interested citizen with a copy. An effort has been made to get them into the hands of the voters in advance. It should be borne in mind that if copies are left at home there may not be a sufficient number at the hall to go around on town meeting day. This year or any year it is desirable for you to have a copy of the annual report as soon as issued. It is also important for you to preserve it and bring it with you town meeting day morning.